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UNITED STATES SENATOR • ALABAMA

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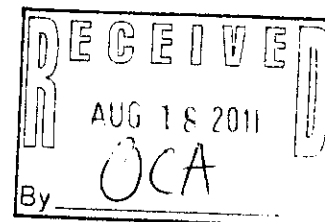
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August 17, 2011

Mr. Michael Yeager
Assistant Commissioner
Office of Congressional Affairs
United States Customs and Border Protection
1300 Pennsylvania Ave, NW
Washington, D.C. 20229

Dear Mr. Yeager:

I am enclosing a letter that I received from (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). Any information you may have regarding this matter would be appreciated so that I may respond to my constituent's inquiry.

Thank you for your assistance. Please respond to Susan Thompson in my Mobile Office at the following address:

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Very truly yours,

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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United States Senator

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TO: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Fax: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Date/Time: 8/1/11 @ 10:30pm
Fax: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

August 1, 2011

Senator Jeff Sessions
41 West I-65 Service Road
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Mobile, AL 36608-1291

RE: Inquiry to US Customs and Immigration Enforcement Agency

Dear Senator Sessions:

Enclosed please find my Privacy Act Release and a detailed attachment of my situation with US Customs and Immigration Enforcement Agency. As you will see from my notes, what happened to me and my wife upon leaving and entering my own country was totally unacceptable to me.

As stated in my attachment, I want a full explanation. I appreciate your assistance in helping me achieve that.

On a personal note, what seemed like "fun and games" to the agents created a true hardship for me. First, as a very busy physician, I had many patients scheduled the next day. My delayed flight caused me to arrive home at 1:30 am as opposed to my scheduled 7:30 pm after traveling for approximately 30 hours straight. Also, as a cancer survivor, my immune system didn't need this type of stress.

I am shocked and very disappointed that this could happen to me in my own country. As a taxpayer having to pay for this, I am angry and disgusted beyond words.

I appreciate your assistance in this matter. I can be reached anytime if you have any questions. Also, please feel free to discuss this matter with my wife, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). Again, your assistance in helping me get answers is greatly appreciated.

Yours truly,

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Privacy Act Release

Date August 1, 2011
Social Security No. (see passport info.)
Claim No.
SRC/A No.

Dear Senator Sessions:

I request your assistance in resolving the problem I am having with (agency)

Immigration and Customs Enforcement Agency.

Give highlights, necessary dates and locations. Use second sheet if needed.

Please see attachment.

In keeping with the restrictions of the privacy act, you are authorized to request any information required to assist me.

Name: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Address: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Home Phone: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Work Phone: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Signature: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Passport Number: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Date of Issue: 23 Sep 2002

Date of Expiration: 22 Sep 2012

DOCUMENTATION OF HARASSMENT OF IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS IN JULY 2011

Date: July 7, 2011

Location: Houston George Bush Airport

Flight: United UA 4167

Departure time: 12:00 pm

On July 7, 2011, we were on the gangway boarding our flight, when I was stopped by a uniformed Immigration and Customs Enforcement Agent. He asked me if I was traveling alone. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was steps away, behind a couple directly in back of me. I told the officer that I was traveling with my husband and turned around to point out (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) behind the couple. He asked me how much money with which I was traveling. I told him approximately \$400. He asked me to step over to a desk area where two additional ICE agents were standing. He also directed (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) in that direction. They asked us again how much money we had. We emptied our travel pouches and they counted all of our money. It was approximately \$600 total. They continued to ask Dan numerous personal questions as follows: 1. Our home address, 2. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) occupation, 3. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) business address, 4. Our telephone numbers, 5. Our email address, 6. If we had ever been arrested, 7. Where we were going, 8. Where we were staying, 9. The address of where we were going, 10. If we were going to meet anybody and their names and addresses. After numerous personal questions and what felt like harassment, they commented that the amount was too low because it was under \$10,000 and they allowed us to board our flight.

RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES

DATE: JULY 25, 2011

LOCATION: Charlotte, North Carolina

FLIGHT: Lufthansa LH 5190

ARRIVAL TIME: 3:25

We arrived at approximately 3:25, shortly thereafter. We entered through Immigration after standing in line for approximately one hour. We were called to Line 2 and checked by a black female agent (did not document her name). She asked us general questions about our trip and marked our

immigration sheets with the number one in green ink. We proceeded to the next step.

We were greeted by two white, male officers and were immediately asked to wait in a separate area, away from the crowd of hundreds of people entering through the second immigration area (at the baggage check area). It was obvious to us that there was some type of "code" on our ticket. The two white officers who initially greeted us looked "stunned" and weren't quite sure where to send us next. A white female office with the last name (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) approached us. She asked us to have a seat. At that point, we asked her what was going on and if there was a problem. She gave us no explanation whatsoever. After waiting in this area for approximately 30 minutes, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and I began to get concerned that we could possibly miss our connecting flight. At that point, we approached the desk to discuss our situation with Agent (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). We explained to her that we had been traveling for approximately 20 hours and we didn't want to miss our connecting flight home which was scheduled for 5:48. She stated "I can't help that, just take a seat."

There were only four individuals out of hundreds of people going through the immigration re-entry process who were called into this area. One guy was a middle-aged, white guy of possible Spanish decent. They returned his passport and he went on his way. They pulled a middle-aged black female. She was standing with us complaining about missing her flight as well. Shortly after she was called, Agent (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) returned her passport to her and instructed her to go quickly so she could make her flight. We continued to wait.

At this point, we were very concerned that we would miss our flight. We attempted to speak to Agent (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) again, but she refused to assist us. An older, white, uniformed lady entered into the area and wrote down information from our flight labels on our bags. She left the room and returned a few minutes later and continued to write down information. Soon after, she came back and gave us replacement tickets for another flight to Mobile. We were given replacement tickets before our scheduled flight left the ground. We continued to wait with no explanation whatsoever.

At approximately 5:30, a black agent with the last name of (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (possibly a lieutenant), asked (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) to approach the counter. I approached with (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) since we were traveling together, but agent (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) quickly asked me to step

away. He stated that he needed to question (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) alone. Again, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was asked the following questions: If he had ever been arrested, home address, home phone number, occupation. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) asked Agent (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) if he was on a list of some type or if there was a problem. To which question, Agent (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) asked, "Should you be?" Of course, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) answered no to that question. Agent (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) took all four bags and only searched two of them.

We asked Agent (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) to please explain to us why we had been detained. We asked him if (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was on a "list" or if something was on his record. He refused to give us any information. He stated that if he gave us information on the computer screen he would lose his job. We asked him why they detained us and made us wait so long that we lost our connecting flight. He stated that he was the only agent handling certain situations and he was doing the best he could. He asked me if he had acted in a professional manner to which I kindly answered no. He asked (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) if his passport had ever been lost or stolen. He asked (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) this question several times. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) responded by saying no and then asking Agent (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) if there was a record of a lost or stolen passport. Agent (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) responding by saying "No, it doesn't state that." He basically had no answers for us. He gave us a pamphlet with a website if we had any questions and sent us on our way at 6:05 pm. Approximately fifteen minutes after our scheduled flight departed.

Our personal observations:

1. The process of entering immigration took approximately one hour.
2. In addition, we were detained in customs, a separate area for approximately one hour with no explanation given.
3. There were hundreds of people who entered through immigration (two huge planes); however, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and I were the last two passengers left in the area.
4. It was obvious to us that we were "singled out."
5. We believe the delay of our situation was racially motivated by agent (b) (6), (b) (7)(C).
6. We believe our unexplained detention was intentional to cause us to lose our connecting flight. Proof: they provided us with replacement tickets before our scheduled flight left.
7. They intentionally detained us to harass us for some reason.

At 6:05 we were released. We had missed our flight. The next flight out was scheduled for 10:40 pm.

We ask for the following:

1. An inquiry by our United States Senator Jeff Sessions as to why we were harassed and detained by Immigration and Customs Agents with no explanation in the United States.
2. A clear, written, precise, detailed reason and full explanation for our detainment. This was NOT a random act. An explanation of "random" is not acceptable.
3. Written apologies from Agents (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

07 JUL 2011 ▶ 25 JUL 2011 TRIP TO LONDON HEATHROW, UNITED KINGDOM

PREPARED FOR

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)


 OCEANIA
CRUISES
The Ocean Line
Oceania Cruises, Inc.
1-800-631-5658

RESERVATION CODE HFBAXA

eTicket Receipt(s)

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

✈ DEPARTURE: THURSDAY 07 JUL Please verify flight times prior to departure

UNITED AIRLINES
UA 4167MOB
MOBILE, AL▶ IAH
HOUSTON GEO BUSH, TXAircraft:
EMBRAER JET

Distance (in Miles): 0426

Operated by:
EXPRESSJETDeparting At:
12:00pmArriving At:
01:24pm

Stop(s): 0

Duration:
01hr(s) :24min(s)Terminal:
Not AvailableTerminal:
TERMINAL B

Passenger Name:

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Seats:
10B / Confirmed
10C / ConfirmedClass:
Economy
Economy
Status:
Confirmed
ConfirmedAirline Res. Code:
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

✈ DEPARTURE: THURSDAY 07 JUL ▶ ARRIVAL: FRIDAY 08 JUL

Please verify flight times prior to departure

UNITED AIRLINES
UA 1102IAH
HOUSTON GEO
BUSH, TX▶ LHR
LONDON HEATHROW, UNITED
KINGDOMAircraft:
BOEING 777 JET

Distance (in Miles): 4841

Operated by:
CONTINENTAL AIRLINESDeparting At:
03:45pm
(Thu, Jul 7)Arriving At:
06:55am
(Fri, Jul 8)

Stop(s): 0

Duration:
09hr(s) :10min(s)Terminal:
TERMINAL ETerminal:
TERMINAL 4

Passenger Name:

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Seats:
35B / Confirmed
35C / ConfirmedClass:
Economy
Economy
Status:
Confirmed
ConfirmedAirline Res. Code:
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)Meals:
Dinner, Snack
Dinner, Snack

✈ DEPARTURE: MONDAY 25 JUL Please verify flight times prior to departure

LUFTHANSA
LH 2421ARN
STOCKHOLM ARLANDA,
SWEDEN▶ MUC
MUNICH,
GERMANYAircraft:
AIRBUS INDUSTRIE A320
JET

Distance (in Miles): 0792

Duration:
02hr(s) :10min(s)Departing At:
07:45amArriving At:
09:55am

Stop(s): 0

Terminal:
TERMINAL 5Terminal:
TERMINAL 2

Virtually There - Print Your Itinerary

Passenger Name:

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Seats:

Check-In Required

Check-In Required

Class:

Economy

Economy

Status:

Confirmed

Confirmed

Airline Res. Code:

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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Meals:

Snack

Snack



DEPARTURE: MONDAY 25 JUL Please verify flight times prior to departure

LUFTHANSA
LH 0428MUC
MUNICH, GERMANY▶ CLT
CHARLOTTE, NCAircraft:
AIRBUS INDUSTRIE A346
JETDuration:
09hr(s) :50min(s)Departing At:
11:35amArriving At:
03:25pm

Distance (in Miles): 4568

Stop(s): 0

Terminal:
TERMINAL 2Terminal:
Not Available

Passenger Name:

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Seats:

47E / Confirmed

47F / Confirmed

Class:

Economy

Economy

Status:

Confirmed

Confirmed

Airline Res. Code:

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Meals:

Served

Served



DEPARTURE: MONDAY 25 JUL Please verify flight times prior to departure

LUFTHANSA
LH 5190CLT
CHARLOTTE, NC▶ MOB
MOBILE, ALAircraft:
CRJ-CANADAIR
REGIONAL JETOperated by:
/US AIRWAYS EXPRESS-PSA
AIRLINES FOR USDuration:
01hr(s) :39min(s)Departing At:
05:48pmArriving At:
06:27pm

Distance (in Miles): 0527

Stop(s): 0

Terminal:
Not AvailableTerminal:
Not Available

Passenger Name:

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Seats:

00 / Pending

00 / Pending

Class:

Economy

Economy

Status:

Confirmed

Confirmed

Airline Res. Code:

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Meals:

Refreshment - Complimentary

Refreshment - Complimentary

OTHER: SATURDAY 21 JAN

OTHER

Status:

Confirmed

Information:

Notes

OTHER INFORMATION -INTERNAL USE ONLY

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